

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Many factors contribute to suicide including experiencing a crisis within two weeks, relationship problems, physical health problems, problematic substance use, job or financial problems, criminal legal problems, and loss of housing; and,

*Whereas*, In 2017, suicide was the ninth leading cause of death in South Dakota with 192 deaths, and the second leading cause of death for individuals age 10 to 34 with 80 deaths; and,

*Whereas*, In 2015, 16.1 percent of high school students seriously considered suicide; 11.8 percent made a plan for suicide; 8.4 percent attempted suicide one or more times; and 3.8 percent made a suicide attempt that had to be treated by a healthcare professional; and,

*Whereas*, Suicide is not inevitable for anyone, therefore, by starting the conversation, providing support, and directing help to those who need it, we can prevent suicides and save lives; and,

*Whereas*, Hope, help, and healing is possible. Mental health and crisis intervention services are available in South Dakota, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota partners with three Prevention Resource Centers and 24 accredited Prevention Providers to provide school and community based prevention programming related to substance use and suicide prevention; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's mission is to ensure children and adults with mental health disorders and chemical dependency issues in our communities have the opportunity to choose and receive effective services needed to promote prevention, resilience, and recovery:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2018, as

## *SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:  
*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State